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1. DIP CORPS CONVOKED JULY 12 FOR 1000 HRS ARRIVAL OF SEKOU TOURE.
HE DIDN'T ARRIVE AND AT 1145 WE DISBURSED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN
FOR 1400 HRS. ARRIVAL. NO ONE REALLY BELIEVED ANY GOOD POLITICIAN WAS
GOING TO SHOW UP DURING AFTERNOON NAP TIME, BUT WE DUTIFULLY
PRESENTED OURSELVES AND AT 1430 WERE TOLD TOURE'S PLANE WAS STILL IN
OUAGADOUGOU.

2. TOURE ARRIVED BAMAKO AT 1545 AND WAS GREETED BY SUFFICIENTLY LARGE
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AND POLITE CROWD COMPOSED MAINLY OF GUINEAN RESIDENTS OF BAMAKO.

HEAVY RAINCLOUDS THREATENED, BUT HELD UNTIL AFTER AIRPORT FORMALITIES.

3. AS CORTEGE REACHED MAIN ROAD TO BAMAKO THE SKY OPENED AND SLOWED DOWN SPEED OF CORTEGE FROM USUAL 70 MPH TO A STILL DANGEROUS 20 MPH (NOTE TO ALLOWANCES BUREAU: AS THE 10 KMS FROM AIRPORT TO BAMAKO DO NOT COMPARE TO ROUTE 66, BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO POST DIFFERENTIAL OR HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY.)

4. IN BAMAKO THE STREETS WERE FLOWING ANKLE DEEP, BUT STILL BORDERED BY GOOD AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD, CHANTING "SEKOU, SEKOU."

5. AFTER A BRIEF RECEIPTION AT PALACE AT KOULUBA, DIP CORPS INFORMED THAT TOURE WAS STAYING THERE WOULD BE A 0900 MEETING JULY 13 AT SPORTS STADIUM. QUESTIONS ABOUT REST OF SCHEDULE PROVOKED NO RESPONSE. WILL ADVISE WHEN KNOWN.

6. THE GUINEAN TROUPE WAS TO HAVE GIVEN CONCERT AT 1630. DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS TOOK PLACE AND TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE IF GUINEAN BALLET WILL GO ON AS SCHEDULED FOR 2100 JULY 12 AT STADIUM. AS WEATHER IS STILL UNCERTAIN, IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS WILL BE COMBINED WITH 0900 "MEETING" JULY 13.
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